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Title: WAFER TARGET DESIGN AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING CENTROID OF WAFER TARGET

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The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the following U.S. Patents:

<u>Pat. No.</u>	<u>Pat. Title</u>	<u>Grant Date</u>
4,253,112	PROCESS FOR AUTOMATIC ALIGNMENT OF TWO OBJECTS TO BE ADJUSTED WITH RESPECT TO ONE ANOTHER	2/24/81
5,760,484	ALIGNMENT MARK PATTERN FOR SEMICONDUCTOR PROCESS	6/2/98
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Other Documents

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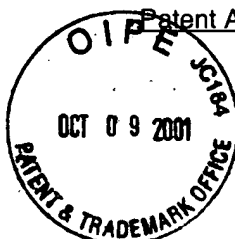
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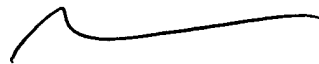
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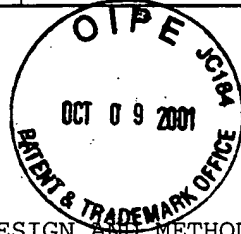
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